

1 Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)

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3 **Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

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5 RGB members present for meeting: Online-A. Edelson and in-person-J. Orzechowski
6 Southwest Tech represented by Supt./Dir. Meg Honsinger and John Lamson, Assistant Director

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8 Recorder: Sandra Redding, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

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10 Policy Committee meeting was opened at 4:02PM by Chair Edelson who welcomed any public
11 and asked for comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the October policy
12 committee minutes as presented. With motion from Orzechowski, and second from Edelson, the
13 minutes were approved. Edelson informed the group that the meeting would adjourn near 5PM,
14 so any items scheduled not discussed today would be included in the next policy committee
15 meeting.

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17 Discussion ensued concerning updating **Policy 6190C-Holiday Observation/Programs** to help
18 this policy fall in-line with VSBA standards:

- 19 • To fall in-line with VSBA recommendations concerning this policy, the name and policy
20 number would be changed to **6191C-District Equity Policy**
- 21 • There was much discussion on what specific language should be included as to the
22 specific categories of inclusion. Edelson wondered if the language should be the same as
23 our 2200C Discrimination policy. There is a difference in each policy as to who/what
24 group the policy is directed towards. 2200C is concerned with faculty/staff/personnel
25 discrimination as opposed to the 6191C policy which is aimed more at the student
26 population. There may be legal reasons for that specific language. We are bound by state
27 and federal law in most cases and those laws guide our policies. We must offer equal
28 access to education for all and that is something we highly endeavor to accomplish.
- 29 • The committee was in favor of the VSBA version of this policy with the inclusion of "*race,*
30 *ethnicity, ancestry, religion, age, marital status, political affiliation, family economics,*
31 *class, geography, ability, language, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or initial*
32 *proficiencies*. So, they would like to move forward in recommending that the full board
33 look at replacing **6190C, Holiday Observation/Programs** with **6191C, District Equity**
34 **Policy**. **Policy 6191C** will be added to the full board for warning for the November 18th
35 meeting.
- 36 • As to a School Community Relations policy, SW Tech does not need this specific policy
37 as we have program advisory committees that cover the inclusion of community
38 involvement in our district.
- 39 • **1090C-Use of Facilities**-this was recently fully reviewed and no further
40 changes/additions needed other than updating school name corrections. This will be
41 done, noted as reviewed and updated on the website.
- 42 • **3310C-Security Cameras**-the VSBA model changed a bit, but upon review at this time,
43 our present policy is acceptable as long as we follow the policy regulations. We do use
44 video thru-out the school, but even though audio is available to us, that is not accessed
45 unless there is a specific reason for doing so as per our regulations. New large signs are
46 in place to alert all who use the building as to the video surveillance in use. This policy
47 was found to be acceptable as written, noted as reviewed and will be updated on our
48 website.

49 As the time neared 5PM, Edelson and Orzechowski, motioned the adjournment of this meeting at
50 5:02PM. Edelson will check on dates for the next policy meeting.